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Surplus Topsyturveydom. Discussion of the new surplus plan of "amendment No. 1" tends to develop the contradictions and incon sistencies of topsyturveydom in the reasoning upon which it is based. Uncle Sam and the District are

joint contributors in capital upbuilding. Hereafter Uncle Sam is to con tribute 40 per cent and the District 60 per cent of municipal expenditures. Uncle Sam is the active partner in

this capital-making partnership, while the District is the most speechles and impotent of silent partners. Uncle Sam has all the joint asset

in his absolute control, and decides how much his co-contributor shall pay him for capital maintenance, when that co-contributor shall pay it and at what times, in what amounts and for what municipal purposes these joint contributions shall be expended.

In the ten years between 1900 and 1910 Uncle Sam decided that the capital needed great public improvements which required more money for their quick completion than was available from current revenue after the necessary and unavoidable current needs had been met.

So Uncle Sam advanced or loaned to his co-contributor several millions of dollars to enable that co-contributor to pay the legal proportion of these extraordinary expenditures, and charging interest (3 per cent) on these advances reimbursed himself at his pleasure as to time and amount of curtails until he had collected from the District all the principal of the loan and about a half million dollars in interest.

But in accordance with the organi act of 1878 Uncle Sam, having all the joint assets in his hands and being thus amply secured, was to meet from the Treasury the capital expenses within each fiscal year, and was then to reimburse himself for the District's share of these expenditures by taxing property and privileges in the Dis-

Thus the primary obligation or responsibility was (as in equity it ought to be) upon Uncle Sam, and the District was merely incidental contribu-

and is not as a rule small, mean or picayunish, evidently thought that he large advances for long periods to his smaller degree. occurred to him that he ought to collect interest on any slight and shortterm advances within the fiscal year that might result from the late date there are methods that betoken edu- A contributor to be unto a column; in the year which he himself had fixed cation and intellectual appeal. for the payment of contribution by his co-contributor.

The surplus provision of amendthe District's taxpaying day near the end of the fiscal year he has not only been paying first all of his own 50 or 40 per cent capital contribution, but has actually been advancing some portion of his co-contributor's 50 or 60 per cent share of these expenditures before collecting in taxes a cent from the District.

And Uncle Sam is further pictured as suffering agonies of Shylockian self-reproach from this discovery that he has missed an opportunity of charging the District 3 per cent interest on these driblets of short-time advances.

How does amendment No. 1 propos that Uncle Sam shall check this loss of possible interest driblets?

By moving tax-payment day in the District from near the end to near the beginning of the year? And by charging interest on advances to the District in each fiscal year, after Uncle Sam's own 50 or 40 per cent to be thinking of it for him. He will contribution had been fully paid? Not

Amendment No. 1 proposes to safeguard Uncle Sam against a few months' advance without interest of a part of the District's contribution in 1927-8 by collecting from the District anywhere from a million and a quarter to two and one-half millions in each of the five fiscal years preceding 1927-8, and to pay no interest on these premature and viciously unjust col-

Why should the taxpayers of 1922-3 pay even one and a quarter million dollars, or even 30 cents, to remain in Uncle Sam's possession and use for five years without interest until Uncle Sam gets ready to spend it in 1927-8? Why should the taxpayers of 1923-4 give to Uncle Sam millions or mills things. to meet four years in advance District expenditures of 1927-8? And a like unanswerable inquiry can be made in behalf of the taxpayers of the re-

maining fiscal years prior to 1927-8. Protesting against loss of largely imaginary infinitesimal interest driblets on monthly advances within the fiscal year, Uncle Sam is pictured as exacting advances or compulsors loans from District taxpayers five four, three, two and one year before the money is to be spent, and as offering no interest whatever to the

On the pretext of making the District "pay as it goes" it is proposed to make it "pay years before it goes," and without interest on the premature

All that Uncle Sam needs to do to

equity of which he is pictured as comefore he has exhausted in meeting of things. District expenses his own 40 per cent contribution. Until Uncle Sam has paid in full his own proportionate share in the current District expenditures he will hardly view payments the ballot. by himself alone as advances to be repaid with interest by his co-contribu-

That Extra Hour of Daylight.

When the freak schedule was adopted in the departments a week ago last Monday, without any change of clocks, it was supposedly for the purpose of giving the government workers an extra hour of daylight. They have had it, through getting up an hour earlier in the morning. But what have they done with it? They have not paid for it by going to bed an hour earlier and thus getting the accusomed amount of sleep. In the rares cases has the time for retirement been advanced. The result is that Wash ington is a sleepy town, and has been sleepy for two weeks and will continue to be as long as this weird schedule is observed.

The government service has been inquestionably affected by this condition. It is impossible to get good work out of an insufficiently rested force. If this daylight-saying schedule is continued throughout the summer the executive offices will fall in efficiency many per cent.

At the outset most people said: "It would be all right if they only changed the clocks." But it must be noted that in the votes now being cast through the medium of The Star a heavy majority is being shown against a change of the clocks. It is not as heavy as that shown against the present scheme, which is ten to one, but it is unmistakable as an index of a positive general desire to go back to the old conditions with no change what-

Attention has been called in Congress to this vote as an evidence of natter. It will not order the clocks changed, and it cannot interfere with the executive order which shifted the nours. So it remains up to the executive officers, who surely by this time of the scheme.

"Bosses."

Complaint is made that the word far too loosely. It should be confined, we are told, to "roughnecks" and for a solution of their perplexities. "hillbillies" who make their way to the front and dominate the surrounding situation by tactics and activities associable with their station in life. The case of the late Mr. Penrose

is cited. He was of high social extraction; college bred; well read; thoroughly at home in intellectual company. And yet, in the lingo of politics, he was Boss Penrose.

Well, he never objected to the appellation. On the contrary, he seemed to court and enjoy it. At any rate, he deals with big things in a big way, performed openly and unapologetically all the offices of a "boss," and got results which he prized and employed was protecting himself adequately in in the further building up of his orthe capital's financing transactions ganization. He reached the altitude of when he charged interest on very a "boss-boss." He bossed bosses of

co-contributor, and obviously it never As "one star differeth from another star in glory," one "boss" differs from another "boss" in methods. There are "roughneck," "hillbilly" methods, and

tics. All sorts of men play it. All sorts of stakes are won at There is all kinds of poetry, you mu ment No. 1 pictures Uncle Sam as it. The rules are rather loosely-too suddenly discovering that by fixing loosely-drawn, and some of the players stretch them at times beyond the limits of fair dealing. Neither party has a monopoly of "bosses."

Retiring From Politics.

Gov. Sproul, it is announced, will at the end of his term at Harrisburg retire from politics.

Doubtless he feels that way now He has had marked success in Pennsylvania affairs. His name has been at the top at home for some time. His friends mentioned him for President two years ago. He has appointed two United States senators, and might have taken one of the places for him

His recent indirect defeat, therefore in the Pennsylvania primaries must have jarred him considerably.

But he will probably recover. A politicians are reckoned, he is a young man-much too young to be thinking of the shelf, or of permitting others try again when the present smart has eased off.

The fact is that a man who has succeeded in politics, held high office, improved opportunities for studying public affairs and mastered them, ower t to the public as well as to himself to "keep on keeping on." His experience and the capacity deriving from it are valuable to the public.

The lure of politics is strong, and maybe is stronger now than for years past. There is so much in the scale and so much of it is new and of large and wide import, men who know the processes of government and have helped to make the wheels go round feel an unusual interest in political questions and are eager for opportunity to try their hands at shaping

In considering militaristic possibili ties French statesmanship leans hard on the adage, "History repeats itself."

Gen. Wood is a brave man, but no body can blame him for retreating

A Dry World.

before a typhoon.

"Pussyfoot" Johnson, as his opponents call him—and he smilingly accepts the designation—says that in District upon these millions of ad- five years the whole world will be

> In present world conditions, predic tions of any kind, of all kinds, are unusually risky, and a five-year stretch is an age.

Meanwhile, Mr. Johnson and all other champions of prohibition should get relief from the self-imposed in- keep vividly in mind the fact that,

equity of which he is pictured as com-plaining is to put a District tax-pay-ment and the Volstead act, America ment day so near to the beginning of is not dry. On the contrary, it is de the fiscal year that he will receive an fiantly wet, and the wets are boasting installment of District tax revenue of a purpose to restore the old order

They are within their rights in or ganizing for the campaign they advertise. As they object to prohibition, their proper remedy is an appeal to

The drys must meet the challenge and should prepare for some strenu ous work. Their opponents are cam paigners of experience, well "heeled" financially, and liberal spenders when aroused.

American prohibitionists, therefore have their work cut out for them They must "keep the home fires burn and make them much hotter ing," than hitherto. They are responsible primarily to and for the local field. After they have made that secure, they will be able to lend a hand the more earnestly and intelligently else-

Mr. Johnson has been campaigning n England, Scotland and India, but what lies before him at home now will tax him more severely than any work he has done in other countries.

Uncle Sam continues to be the re cipient of diplomatic reminders of the moral responsibility attending the on of wealth. Appreciation of moral responsibility naturally creates hesitation about lending it where it might be diverted to military activities instead of economic im-

Politicians pay but little attention to the theory that Mars is inhabited. A resident of Mars would have no more vote than a citizen of the District of Columbia.

The importance of a title is shown in the case of Wilhelm Hohenzollern. who was once heard with awe and is now not even invited to address a graduation class.

Lloyd George is fortunate in having the community's condemnation of the a public that realizes the difficulties near-daylight-saving plan. But Con- of a statesman's problems and is willgress is in a peculiar position in this ing to give him time to work them

The Genoa conference may no have attained results of judicial finality, but it has done some good serv must have realized the disadvantages ice on the lines of a bureau of in

It is but proper that Mr. Crane should do everything in his power to boss" as applied in politics is used prevent Syria from being added to the list of countries looking to the U.S.A.

> Motion picture promoters cannot understand why they should be troubled with censorship when they have the expert supervision of Mr. Will

The arms conference cost this government a little over a quarter of a million. It will probably prove the mans of saving billions.

A great deal of the mental agitation in Europe is over the question of what the U.S. A. ought to do with all its money.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON

(Our one and only contrib.) feel it a duty very solemn And I have resolved to go to work

It is a many-sided game, this poli- And contribute some poetry and no shirk

But none of them isn't too hard fo

me So, now I will with thy kind consen-

Some poetry write about THE RENT. In order to proceed in the fairest way I will allow the tenant to have first

Oh. landlord! Oh. landlord! Why dost thou try

To collect rents that cause us to mourn and to sigh? What a kind and considerate thing is

would be If you'd let tenants stay on the prem ises free!"

Whereupon, the landlord with careworn face As follows presents his side of the

"Oh, tenant! Oh, tenant! I'm having my cares In paying for taxes and also repairs.

These items you know have been boosted each year And that's why the rent has been get ting more dear."

EPILOGUE.

dear reader, will serve to easy we could settle disputes that

come and go If folks would come to us p writers who work so free Instead of to lawyers who insist on

Confidentially Explained. "What is your object in telling people you think of retiring from public

"I consider it desirable," replied Senator Sorghum, "to offer the suggestion so that my friends can show how difficult it would be for the na

Jud Tunkins says daylight-saving will have to work hard to counteract electric light extravagance.

tion to get on without me."

Musings of a Motor Cop. The planet Mars is drawing near. The pace it sets we're heeding With sentiments of passing fear. It should be pinched for speeding.

Regular Inhabitants. "Are your summer boarders popu lar with the regular inhabitants

here?" "Nope." replied Farmer Corntos only 'ceptin' with the mosquitoes.'

"De world owes me a livin'." said Uncle Eben, "but it 'pears like Eu-rope was settin' de fashion 'bout

More Room Will Be Required By the New Rent Commission

ITH the passage of the new Ball rent law, enlarging the personnel, and, consequently, the activity of the Rent Commission, there arises for consideration by the commission's members a number of practical difficulties in the not so convenient as the F street outside the street of additional floor area. There will probably be made a supplementary request for a great running of additional floor area. There will probably be made a supplementary request for a great running of additional square feet of additional floor area. There will probably be made a supplementary request for a great running of additional square feet. It appears that the only available buildings containing sufficient floor area are in the vicinity of 19th and B streets northwest, a location not so convenient as the F street of the street way of providing adequate facilities for the hearing and determination of rental petitions.

In the first place, under the new law there are authorized five commissioners, each of whom may hear evidence n a rental case as an individual, the right of determination being reserved however, for the commission as a body Thus, five hearings are possible at one

The problem of finding space in the already cramped quarters of the Rent Commission on the fifth floor of the Hooe building for conducting a number of public hearings simultaneously is one requiring early solution. The present hearing room has frequently proved none too large to accommodate the crowds of tenants, lawyers and interested spectators who have attended important hearings in the past. With

important hearings in the past. With possibly two, three or more of these hearings progressing at once, the problem of space becomes pressing.

The government authorities having supervision of the assignment and occupancy of federal office buildings have been in communication with officials of the Rent Commission recently with a view to finding larger quarters than are available in the Hooc building. It is understood that before the recent extension law was endacted the commission had requested the commission can get to working smoothly under the revised form of procedure the practical phases must be perfected.

When the commission is appointed and is settled down to a business-like working basis the tenants and land-lords of Washington should have little cause for complaint regarding delayed hearings, congested dockets and deferred determinations.

EDITORIAL DIGEST

interpreted by most democratic and numerous republican papers as notice hat "the lid is off," and, as the New York Tribune (republican) warns, if it is taken seriously the results will e "unfortunate."

The Attorney General "gets an awkvard statute out of the way" in time o relieve his political confreres, as to relieve his political confreres, as the Chattanooga News (democratic) sees it, for by this ruling "the restrictions so patiently worked out have been swept away" and the "old order restored," with Mr. Daugherty, the Philadelphia Record (independent democratic) says, dreaming of a reversion to the days of "unlimited campaign funds" with which to make the Senate "a millionaires' club with huge initiation fees, payable from the dough-bag."

Certainly the new ruling makes possible, if it does not actually invite, the spending of money "without stint." the Scranton Times (democratic) thinks, and if it is applied the

It is, however, obviously unfair to attack the Attorney General because of the ruling, the Baltimore Sun (in-dependent democratic) points out, since it is merely an interpretation of Supreme Court decision, and, in the opinion of the paper, he has "proba-bly done a public service by con-struing the law as it now stands" for "Newberryism" will be an issue "cannot be gainsaid," the Ohio State
Journal (Columbus, republican) ueclares. "it cannot be kept out, it is
doubtful if it can be even minimized like johnnycake and corn bread and doubtful if it can be even minimized in any single state," and "doubtlers before the campaign makes great progress senators will learn that here is far more resentment in the minds of the voters over the Newperry case than they had been willing

Indeed the "voice of the people has lready been heard" on that issue, the Wheeling Register (democratic) thinks, and "its meaning was unmis-takable in Indiana." The Grand Raptakable in Indiana." The Grand Rapids Herald (republican) agrees that "cash-register politicians are not in vogue just now." a point which ex-Senator Beveridge made "perfectly plain" when he "put his campaign squarely on a basis of ending political money armaments" and won. "It has ceased to be politically safe," the Herald continues, "to trademark candidacy for public office with dollar signs. A too liberal campaign treasury has become a liability instead of an asset."

Setting the World's Clocks.

The Annapolis naval radio station has succeeded in sending a time signal around the earth. In an experiment a few days ago it flashed the correct time to Australian stations, the waves reaching the antipodes from all directions. Time elapsed between the sending of the signal and its receipt on the opposite side of the earth was ohe-fifteenth of a second.

It is possible now to set all the

an asset."

Since this is the popular attitude at the beginning of the campaign it must be recognized, the Detroit News (independent) holds, that "the people are insisting that no office in the land shall be purchased, and specifically that Newberryism be made utterly impossible in fact as it is already in morality." The New York Tribune (republican) demands that "every candidate for office, high or low, must submit an account of the expenses incurred in his behalf during the campaign. It makes no difference whether the office sought is that of President, senator or what not." If, It is possible now to set all the clocks in the world from one time station, all practically at the same instant.

It should be possible very soon for all human beings on earth, supplied with simple receiving apparatus, to hear a bit of music or a song at the same time.

Radio is giving new conceptions of the smallness of the smallness of the smallness of our neighbors.—

Wichita Eagle.

The Runaway Boy.

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Radio is giving new conceptions of the smallness of the world and the closeness of our neighbors.—

The Runaway Boy. President, senator or what not." if, as the Attorney General's ruling seems to bring out, "the law does not require this," then "an amendment to the corrupt practices act is needed."

But while "Congress may year."

from "the wisdom and propriety" of expressing that principle in law. While "it is impossible to lay down any rule as to what ought to be spent on a campaign, any more than to lay down any rule as to what a doctor's bill should be," the Adrian (Mich.) Telegram (independent), concedes that "a maximum, however, should be prescribed by law and enforced," since "that is necessary in order to prevent abuses," but "that maximum should not be put so low as to virtually prohibit a reasonably effective campaign."

What Is a Tuck-a-Dunt?

At Chicago on Monday Lady Astor said: "I don't give a tuck-a-dunt for the unintelligent woman."

Tuck-a-dunt cannot be found in the dictionary. It is not in the vocabulary of New England and presumably Lady Astor's English friends do not employ it. It has, indeed, the flavor of Virginia. It suggests Rappahannock and Roanoke, though, perhaps, it isn't of Indian origin at all. It seems rather a rural variant on "tinker's dam," which is familiar enough in all

Fear That Door Is Opened to Unlimited "Slush" Funds.

With "Newberryism," so-called, already an issue in senatorial campaigns, Attorney General Daugherty has complicated the situation by an opinion which republican editors frankly recognize as dangerous. His ruling that the corrupt-practices act does not apply to the campaign expenditures of senatorial candidates is interpreted by most democratic and

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It is likely that in allotting to the

new commission suitable offices, pro-

vision will be made for at least two

hearing rooms, a conference room

fice and clerical quarters.

ommissioners' offices, secretary's of-

The increased turnover of work possible through the new legislative changes will undoubtedly necessitate the employment by the commission of additional typists and clerks, for whom office room must be found and equipment provided. More stenographers will be needed to record several simultaneous hearings than were required when only one was under way.

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These difficulties, while slight in

comparison with some of the larger

legal problems to be worked out, are

of sufficient importance to demand

serious attention on the part of the

commissioners and their assistants.

But the point is that if one does not care a tuck-a-dunt, he does not care a tinker's dam, or a hang or a rap or a fig or any other synonym for insignificance. And so it appears hat our distinguished woman visitor woman. Well, who has?—Providence

Women in the Hall of Fame.

Two steps, separated by eighteen out the invidious distinction between men and women in the Hall of Fame at University Heights. In 1900, when the Hall of Fame was established, it was exclusively a male institution. Women were ignored. There was no provision for their election. In 1904 they were admitted. they were admitted to the outer pre-cincts of the temple by the setting aside of a special corridor, a kind of annex, for those who might be chosen by the electors. This half ad-mission, with its careful segregation of Harriet Beecher Stowe, Mary Lyon and Alice Freeman Palmer from stint." the Scranton Times (democratic) thinks, and if it is applied the
Minnesota Star (Minneapolis, independent) predicts "a merry time this
summer," for "the old campaign barrel will be full to overflowing for the
faithful" and we may expect several
campaigns which will make Newberry's in Michigan look like a
piker's."

It is however obviously unfair to

The last barrier has now been re moved by abandonment of the sepa-rate section for women and of all discrimination against them in future elections.—New York Post.

Des Johnnycakes? Mais Oni! Uncle Sam sold 65,000,000 bushels of

orn fritters and corn bread and corn fritters and corn flapjacks and, maybe, just plain corn meal mush.

At least the English, Germans and Dutch are coming to like these things, for they are the people who have bought our corn thus far. Maybe johnnycaké will be the amalgam which will yet bind the world together. Who can tell?—St.

It is possible now to set all the

require this," then "an amendment to the corrupt practices act is needed."

But while "Congress may pass a law to overcome the failure of the federal corrupt practices act," such laws, in the opinion of the Wilkes-Barre Record (republican) "are usually a farce" and "cannot be relied upon as the sole remedy because no law can prohibit ingenious evasion." "Senators who have not spent, or for whom has not been spent, more than the law allows for their nomination and election," the Knickerbocker Press (Albany, republican) suspects "are probably very rare * * * so the formal filing of)statements of receipts and expenditures under the law has been in many cases a mere legal fiction which deceived very few, but gave the distinguished statesmen a comfortable alibi."

Admittedly there is "a multitude of problems that must be faced in drafting a workable law to prevent unwarranted expenditures of large sums to affect the choice of the electorate," the Springfield (Mass.) Union (republican), says, but that does not detract from "the wisdom and propriety" of expressing that principle in law. While "it is impossible to lay down is enterprise and or insiderected. So the lad who runs away from home does not always end on the gallows, and even if he comes back voluntarily and in repentance, he has nevertheless shown mays end on the gallows, and even if he comes back voluntarily and in repentance, he has nevertheless shown in the comes back voluntarily and in repentance, he has nevertheless shown in the comes back voluntarily and in repentance, he has nevertheless shown in the comes back voluntarily and in repentance, he has nevertheless shown in the comes back voluntarily and in repentance, he has nevertheless shown in the comes back voluntarily and in repentance, he has nevertheless shown in the comes back voluntarily and in repentance, he has nevertheless shown in the comes back voluntarily and in repentance, he has nevertheless shown in the comes back voluntarily and in repentance, he has nevertheless shown in the comes ba

A woman can't make a fool out of a man without his co-operation.— Flint (Mich.) Journal.

But even in corsets a lot of men probably would not be straight-laced. —Detroit News. "Hicks Refuses to Run for Congress," says a headline. But a number of him will probably get into the race.-Indianapolis Star.

We don't believe it was hemlock that Socrates drank; it was something If you wish to ascertain how little faith there is in this world, hang out a fresh paint sign.—Greenville (S. C.) Piedmont.

Perhaps Doyle is right, and death i pleasant. Those dead from the ears up appear uniformly happy.—Balti-more Sun.

The movement for elevating the stage is a good thing. If successful we may be able to see over the heads of the girls with the puffed-out hair.

—Brattleboro (VL) Reformes.

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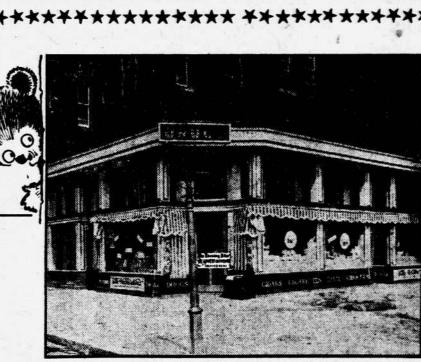
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